

Letter dated 25 October 1962 from the representative of Haiti addressed to the Secretary-General

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I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the communiqué dated 23 October 1962 from the Department of Foreign Affairs of Haiti on the Cuban question. I should be grateful if you would have this text published as a United Nations document.

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to the United Nations

COMMUNIQUE

1. At 5 p.m. on Monday, 22 October 1962, Mr. François Duvalier, the President of the Republic of Haiti, granted an audience at the National Palace to Mr. Raymond L. Thurston, the Ambassador of the United States of America.

2. In the course of this interview, which took place in an atmosphere of mutual understanding, the Ambassador informed the President of the Republic: (a) of his Government's serious anxieties regarding the threats to peace in the hemisphere presented by the offensive armament built up in Cuba by the Soviet Union; (b) of the decisions taken by the United States Government in view of the Cuban situation.

3. Emphasis was laid on the importance attaching to the role of the Government of the Republic of Haiti, Cuba's neighbour, and to the services which the armed forces of Haiti, the National Security Volunteers (VSN) and the public are called upon to render in keeping watch on the Haitian coasts and in defending Western democracy.

4. The United States Ambassador handed to President Duvalier, whose devotion to spiritual values and whose anti-communist position are well known, a special message from Mr. John F. Kennedy, the President of the United States of America, urgently requesting the Haitian Government's co-operation in the grave Cuban situation, in the face of which any political differences which may have arisen between the peoples of the Americas are insignificant.

5. The United States Ambassador explained that he had hope for the future and that, once the Cuban crisis had been overcome in close Haitian-American co-operation, it would strengthen more and more between the Governments of President Duvalier and President Kennedy, the good-neighbour policy that is so much in keeping with both peoples' traditions.

6. Mr. René Chalmers, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Adrien Raymond, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Mr. W. Thomas, Political Counsellor of the American Embassy, attended the audience.